

All Saints Church
Parish Weekly News – 7 November 2020

Dear friends

Once again I write on behalf of the churchwardens and PCC to provide an update on recent events at the church. It is of course so disappointing that Covid restrictions are back in force and the church once again has to shut its doors for a while. I am sure the PCC would wish me to entreat all of you to please take all the care you can in your particular circumstances.

APCM: As many of you will know, due to the Covid-19 lockdown in March, the Annual Meetings of all Church of England parishes (during which church officials are elected and the preceding year is reviewed) were postponed until October. The annual meeting at All Saints was held on Zoom on the 26th October. Following all the required legal formalities, Julie Ford and Paula Williams were elected as churchwardens (rather than interim wardens), five people were appointed to the PCC to replace the six who had either resigned or retired following their three year stint, and three people were appointed as synod representatives. The major church events of 2019 were also reviewed.

The full PCC is as follows:

Michael Chipps (lay chairman); Bobbie Ennals (secretary); John Brigden; Gaynor Chick; Richard Ennals; Stephen Foster; Carol Goodger; Shelley Larsson; Maureen Miller; Sarah Pain; Chris Saul; Tricia Singers; Tricia Stone; Anne Thomsett; Anne Walker; Mark Williams; Paula Williams (churchwarden); Julie Ford (churchwarden).

Update on the vacancy: An appointment was made following interviews earlier in October. Formalities have now been completed and the announcement of the new incumbent can be made on Sunday 8th November.

Current covid-19 restrictions: Following recent Government restrictions, both the Church and the Church Hall are closed until at least the beginning of December.

Prior to the closure the church had opened for a 10am service in October. Chairs were carefully spaced and booking was necessary because of the reduced seating capacity. Even so, all those who felt they could attend were accommodated and it was so uplifting and satisfying to attend a communion service with organ, choir, congregation and a visiting minister. Last Sunday we were unable to hold an additional Memorial Service in the afternoon but we were able to add a short "Remembrance" component within the main morning service. Next Sunday we remember Remembrance Sunday through the portrayal in the church porch.

Throughout October the Zoom service continued for those who were shielding. From Sunday 8th November the Zoom service of the word will continue each **Sunday at 10am**. (Please note the change of time.) This Sunday the reflection will be given by Revd. Julian Reindorp.

If you know of anyone who hasn't received them but who would like them, please ask them to email allsaintsprayerrequests@gmail.com.

Sarah will continue to lead morning prayer on Monday and Thursday at 8.30 a.m. on the All Saints Facebook page (the one with the picture of the church as the main photo).

There will be a number of other services available on the radio/television for those without the internet. If anyone needs advice please contact one of the churchwardens or lay ministers via the Parish Office. Requests for prayers should be made via allsaintsprayerrequests@gmail.com

For those who enjoy a walk in the fresh air the church garden is still beautiful with its autumn tints and as mentioned above there is an interpretive display of the Sunday reading or theme in the porch behind the glass doors.

The Church Hall Development Project

Update to follow.

If you shop online, please do consider joining easy fundraising. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>
Various companies, including M&S and Waitrose, will make a donation to All Saints when you shop online with them. All of the pennies will mount up.

Sunday 8th November 11:00 a.m.

A Remembrance Day like no other.

Will you join us on your door step to remember the fallen and those who serve us?



This year there will not be a local Remembrance Service for people including the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to parade and pay their respects to those who have helped give us our freedom. Therefore, our members have been asked to wear their uniform with pride and take a 2 minute silence on their door steps as an Act of Remembrance. We have asked them to share this idea.

Please do join us if you can.

7th Hampton (All Saints) Scout Group .

Anne Walker